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Dear Class 5-405 Families,

Welcome to 5th grade! My name is Deborah Van Doren, and I will be your child’s teacher for the 2011-2012 school year. This is my 8th year teaching in Brooklyn and my 6th year teaching at PS 10. 5th grade is a challenging and fun year, as students ready themselves for middle school. I’m hoping that your child’s last year here is a memorable one!

It is my belief that we are working together as partners in the education of your child. To that end, we should both be fully aware of your child’s progress. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns. Here are a few policies that you should know:

**HOMEWORK/READING:** There will be homework assigned almost every night. Students will record their homework assignments each day in a homework notebook. When they have finished their homework each evening, please sign the bottom of the page in the homework notebook. As part of the daily homework, students are expected to read for at least 30 minutes every night. Students will bring home books from the classroom library, so they should always have something to read. Please help your child take care of classroom library books, and make sure that he/she brings them back to school every day.

**PARENT FOLDERS:** This year, the school will again provide students with a blue homework folder and a yellow parent folder. All important school information will be sent home in the yellow parent folder, so please be sure to check the yellow folder every day.

**CLASS SUPPLIES:** Please find the supply list attached. Supplies are due next Friday, September 16, 2010.

**Please be sure that your child comes prepared to school every day with at least 2 sharpened pencils!**

**INTERNET RESOURCES**: You can keep in touch with me and stay updated on classroom activities, homework assignments, projects and important dates by visiting our class Wiki page on line. [www.ps10class5405.wikispaces.com](http://www.ps10class5405.wikispaces.com)

You can also find me on Twitter, where my user name is @ms\_vandoren. You can view my Twitter feed at any time and if you sign up to “follow” me on Twitter, you can receive updates on classroom activities and have important reminders sent directly to your mobile phone.

I look forward to working with you to make this a productive and engaging school year for your child.

Sincerely,

Ms. VanDoren